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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : John O'Connor and Steven Birken
Serial No. : Not yet known
Filed : Herewith
For : METHODS FOR PREDICTING PREGNANCY OUTCOME
IN A SUBJECT BY hCG ASSAY

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SIR:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

- ✓ Please cancel claims 6-57 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter in a future continuation or continuation-in-part application. Accordingly, claims 1-5 are pending in this application.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.